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uncollectible. Such steps shall commence not later than July 1, 1985 and shall include notice to each debtor of the time limit for paying the debt and the consequences of failure to pay on time.

(b) It shall be the duty of every employer or other person paying remuneration for time lost or any sum or damages for personal injury to remit the amount of reimbursement due the Board, if any, within 30 days of the date of the payment of remuneration or damages to an employee. Failure to remit the amount due within 30 days shall subject the employer or other person to interest and penalties, in addition to the principal amount due the Board.

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PART 341—STATUTORY LIEN WHERE SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID

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§341.1 Lien.

After notice in accordance with this part, the Board shall have a lien upon any sum or damages paid or payable to an employee based upon an infirmity for which the employee received sickness benefits.

§341.2 Sum or damages paid or payable.

- (a) The term "sum or damages paid or payable" means the amount of money that an employee recovers because of any claim of liability based upon his or her injury or illness.
- (b) The term "sum or damages paid or payable" does not include:

- (1) An amount specified in a settlement or award as payment for any loss of property, or the amount of a settlement or award specifically apportioned as pay for lost time.
- (2) An amount paid as a result of a lawsuit based on wrongful death.
 - (3) Workers' compensation payments.
- (4) "No-Fault" personal-injury protection benefits or any other benefits paid under a health, sickness, accident or similar insurance policy carried by an employee.
- (5) Payments made to an employee under the terms of his or her insurance policy providing for payment of all amounts that the employee is legally entitled to recover for bodily injury from the owner or operator of an uninsured motor vehicle.

§ 341.3 Notice of lien.

- (a) Notice to alleged tortfeasor. The Board shall mail a "Notice of Lien" to each person or company identified as liable or potentially liable for causing the employee's infirmity. The "Notice of Lien" will notify the person or company of the Board's right to reimbursement. The notice shall include:
- (1) The employee's name, address and social security number:
- (2) The date and place of the accident; and
- (3) The employee's occupation, if injured on duty.
- (b) *Notice to employee*. A notice regarding repayment of sickness benefits shall be sent to an employee who names a party other than a railroad as the alleged tortfeasor.
- (c) Notice of amount of lien. The amount of the Board's lien shall be reported, upon request, to a railroad or other person or company that may be liable for paying damages, or to the employee, or to an attorney representing any of those parties. The amount of the lien shall be reported whether or not the terms of a settlement have been agreed upon. When requested, a list showing the sickness benefits paid for each claim period may be furnished.

§ 341.4 Information required to be furnished by the employee.

(a) When applying for sickness benefits, an employee shall report the name